

Remedial Branch update 9-11-17 for the 9/12/17 Report

All 43 Federal Superfund NPL Sites in the affected area have been assessed. Of these, 41 sites have been cleared, and two sites (San Jacinto Pits and US Oil Recovery) require additional follow-up.

Beginning on September 6, 2017, EPA directed potentially responsible parties or independently started collecting samples at 34 Texas Superfund Sites and 9 Louisiana Superfund Sites to confirm no releases due to storm impacts. Six EPA field teams along with potentially responsible parties completed sampling at 26 sites. The sampling is part of a longer-term assessment that will be used to transition sites to their normal cleanup operations. Sampling in Texas will be complete by September 13, 2017, while sampling in Louisiana will be complete by September 15, 2017. Preliminary un-validated results for Texas are expected by September 16, 2017, while those for Louisiana are expected by September 18, 2017.

US Oil: The PRP Group continues pump down operations to maintain freeboard. The freeboard level in the lift station is close to being stabilized. The PRP Group pumped down an additional 5 truckloads (approximately 25,000 gallons of water) on September 11, 2017. The cumulative total of water sent to an offsite facility since the pump-down operations began is 51 truckloads (approximately 255,000 gallons).

San Jacinto: Cap repairs continue on the remaining berm sections, and samples of the bluish material were sent for analyses. The Dive team assessed areas identified as having missing armor stone, and a sample plan will be developed based on this assessment.